

# Fourth of July event still needs volunteers

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RUMFORD — With the River Valley Fourth of July event on Wednesday, July 4, organizers are asking for people to step up and volunteer to help make it a success.

Dan Richard, chairman of the Rumford Parks Commission and member of the Fourth of July Committee, said fireworks are all set with Central Maine Pyrotechs, which provided a great show last year.

The event will take place from 3:30 to 8 p.m., followed by fireworks in the Hosmer Field Complex.

New this year will be a weightlifting contest orga-

nized by Gary Dolloff beginning at 3:30 p.m. by the snack shack. It will be judged by powerlifting legend Richard Austin.

Richard said because they're paying for the luxury of having much better audio equipment, they cannot afford to pay for bands to entertain.

As a result, they're having some difficulty finding the four to five bands needed for the day. Locals committed to perform are JT & Kitty, and Andy St. Pierre.

Committee member April McLean said children will be entertained by two bounce houses, with an obstacle

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course. That will be available from about 5-8 p.m.

She said they're going to have a thousand wrist bands available. "You buy a wrist band for \$5, for unlimited bounce as well as for three of the kids' games. But you can still buy more tickets if want to play more games."

Other events include the always popular bicycle and wagon decorating parades at 5 and 5:30; a dunk tank; a face painter; and a ven-

dor providing kids' games.

Always a concern is that their committee current has just a small number of members.

Richard said, "Everyone sits home and says 'my neighbor will step up.' Well, your neighbor is thinking the same thing. Some people say, 'Well, it's the Fourth of July.' Well, it's Fourth of July for me, too."

How much time would someone need to give?

"A couple hours would be super, at some time during the day. If you can't work from 3-5 but want to work from 6-8; we just need people," said Richard.

He said volunteers don't have to be there all day on the Fourth of July. "If they could give an hour or two, that would be perfect."

To volunteer or for information on being a vendor at this event, call Richard at 357-9444.